

## MARY PICKFORD IS WINNER IN COURT SUIT OF \$108,000

Jury Returns Favorable Verdict for Actress, Sued by Publicity Agent.

**NEW YORK.** March 2.—A jury in federal district court today returned a sealed verdict in favor of Mary Pickford, screen star, in the suit for \$108,000 for alleged breach of contract brought by Mrs. Clara C. Wilkens.

Mrs. Wilkens claimed Miss Pickford had obtained a million dollar contract through her services, and the suit was for commission alleged due her.

In charging the jury, Judge Mack said one side or the other had deliberately lied.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks leave today or Friday for the coast.

The lie, according to the judge, rested in the conflicting stories of the methods Mary used in 1916 to get Adolph Zukor to raise her salary from \$4,000 a week to \$10,000.

Mrs. Wilkens, whose business is that of locating jobs and better salaries for people who live by amusing others, claimed that it was she who persuaded Mr. Zukor to fatten Mary's income. She said the screen star came to her and told about hearing that Charlie Chaplin was making a million dollars a year and she thought her curls and her pout were worth just as much as the comedian's derby and shuffle, or words to that effect.

According to Mrs. Wilkens' story it was agreed that she would sally forth and get other producers to bid for Mary's services which would force Zukor to raise the ante, and then she would get 10 per cent commission on the new contract.

Thus, she claimed \$108,000 as her commission and extra charges because Mary got a \$10,000 a week contract running for two years.

Mary, who was in the courtroom Wednesday with her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, and her mother, denied Mrs. Wilkens' story. Her lawyers told the jury that Mary was such a good actress that producers came around to her with tempting contracts and that it was downright silly to think she would have to run around looking for a job.

Mary's mother testified Tuesday that Mrs. Wilkens did not have a thing to do with the contract, but wanted it signed in her office because it would lend her prestige. Wednesday Mrs. Wilkens' lawyer told what he thought about Mary's mother, and Mrs. Pickford almost cried. But she smiled again when Mary kissed her and told her to brace up and show her "Irish sense of humor."

"This interview between the plaintiff and the defendant either took place or it didn't take place," said Judge Mack, addressing the jury. "One or the other has deliberately lied. It cannot be a mere figment of the imagination."

Then he told the jury that if they found Mary had been the one who slipped from the path of truth, they could award Mrs. Wilkens any sum up to \$108,000.

A crowd loafed all day in the corridor outside the court room to catch a glimpse of Mary and Doug. When the screen stars departed these movie fans formed an unsolicited escort down the stairs to a waiting automobile. Douglas was so busy slipping on a coat that he almost lost Mary in the mob of autograph hounds, stenographers, clerks, star gazers and unclassified mortals who surrounded her.

## PLYMOUTH

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kerr of South Bend. Mrs. Kerr was formerly Miss Grace Harday, and she is in Plymouth at present with her mother.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long of Bourbon on Wednesday. Mrs. Long will be known to many people here as Fern Pomroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pomroy.

Anson Buckley is ill with pneumonia and has been taken to the Marshall county hospital.

William Reisch is being held in jail waiting a call from South Bend, where he is to appear in a divorce case which his wife is filing against him.

The case of Zulee Cline vs. Catherine Cline Estate of Culver will have to be carried over. Three days were spent this week on the case, and the jury was out all Wednesday night, bringing back word that they disagreed on the case.

The funeral services for Mrs. Oscar Campbell, who died at the hospital Tuesday evening, will be held in South Bend on Friday, with burial at the St. Joseph cemetery. Mrs. Campbell leaves three sons and one son, besides other relatives.

At 4 a.m. occurred at the home of Fred Dull Thursday morning. Chemicals from both trucks were used to extinguish it. Damage was done to the roof.

Harry Burke sold his restaurant Thursday morning to a man by the name of Kinsel from South Bend. This restaurant has been known for some time by the name of "Sammy's Place."

The new manager of the Marshall county infirmary, L. M. Henderson, took over the management of the place on March 1, and Frank Vorel, who has had charge of it for the past four years, moved to his farm in Union township. The average number of inmates during the past four years was 28, the present number being 39. Four of these people were able to help with the work about the place and it was necessary for Mr. Vorel to hire help for both inside and outside work. The new superintendent is a progressive farmer and stockman, and with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, who have been employed to help there, it is expected that the farm will be well taken care of, and the inmates made comfortable.

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## STUDEBAKER TOPICS.

The fluctuations in Studebaker since it sold at its recent high of 192% have been perplexing. Since selling at the above high level it has had several setbacks and as many fitful rallies, but each rally reached a figure just short of its predecessor. This has opened the question as to whether accumulation or distribution was taking place.

## SPEAKING OF CIGARS.

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## Jim Jeffries, Former World Champ, to Fight Devil Soon as 'Parson'

**LOS ANGELES.** Calif., March 2.—Within the course of three months, if his plans go smoothly, James J. (Jim) Jeffries, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, will appear before the American public again but this time as an evangelist.

The matter of a contract and publishing of a book are all that are needed to complete the plans for the conqueror of Tom Sharkey, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, and many other shining lights of the squared circle.

Jeffries asserted today that he became interested in preaching the gospel through a Flannigan, delegate to the national federation convention, Mrs. Rena Desenberg; delegate and alternate to the state federation convention, Mrs. A. O. Williams, Mrs. G. E. Smith; delegates to county federation, Mrs. Sig Desenberg, Mrs. Leon Campbell; delegate to Buchanan high school and Benton Harbor high second team. The final score read 25 to 23 with Benton Harbor the winner. Superintendent W. H. Carey of Dowagiac referred the game.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffey have returned to Buchanan from Hartford. At present they are staying at the Rex hotel.

Sup. B. F. Eggert is in Chicago this week on business.

Mrs. Sig Desenberg was hostess to the Happy Go-Lucky club Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Richards returned Sunday evening from six weeks vacation at White City, Fla.

Mrs. Don Rouse, who has been

## BUCHANAN

On Monday afternoon the Thirty club held its annual election of officers at the home of Mrs. H. F. Kinney. Roll call responses were current events. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Rena Desenberg; vice president, Mrs. Hazel Campbell; secretary, Mrs. A. O. Williams; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bertie Smith; treasurer, Mrs. Mayme Boyle; record-keeper, Mrs. Hattie Blake; delegate and alternate to the state federation convention, Mrs. A. O. Williams, Mrs. G. E. Smith; delegates to county federation, Mrs. Sig Desenberg, Mrs. Leon Campbell; delegate to the national federation convention, Mrs. Rena Desenberg. Dailey refreshments were served by the present officers. The meeting next week will be with Mrs. H. B. Chamberlain.

The Monday Literary club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Estes on Main st. The subject for the afternoon was "National Conservation" and was ably handled by Madames French, Dodd, Johnson and Bloom. The meeting next week will be at the home of Mrs. B. F. Eggert.

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Moines, Iowa, came Tuesday to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Mutchler.

The membership of the Kiwanis club has been limited to 55 and visitors to 5.

## NEW NEVERCRUSH WRINGER IS DEMONSTRATED HERE.

A wonderful wringer has been invented that will not break buttons nor injure the fingers.

The Central Electric Co. is demonstrating a wonderful new wringer known as the Nevercrush wringer which wrings light and heavy garments at the same time. It will not injure the fingers even though the hand is run right through the wringing rolls; nor will it break buttons.

Sounds too good to be true, but the phenomenal performance of the wringer is made possible by its three-inch wringing rolls of soft pure gum rubber. While this rubber exerts sufficient pressure to wring perfectly dry both light and heavy garments—it will not injure the fingers nor break buttons.

The Nevercrush wringer is built by the Buckeye Prima company of Sidney, Ohio, for exclusive use on the Prima Electric Washer.

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## Markets and Financial News

### MARKET SWAYS IN LISTLESS FASHION

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### Stimulus of Heavy Demand in Closing Hour Gives Tone of Strength.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The stock market rose and fell in listless fashion during the greater part of Thursday's session, but became active and strong in the last hour under the stimulus of a demand for steels, motors, equipments, oils, sugars and rails.

Final prices showed gains of 1 to 3 points in Gulf States steel, U. S. steel, Lima Locomotive, Pierce Arrow prf., Mexican Petroleum, American Sugar, Cuban Sugar pfed., U. S. Cast Iron Pipe, U. S. Rubber, Missouri pfld., and Western Pacific. Sales amounted to \$90,660 shares.

The steady light inquiry for money was reflected in the call loan market where the rate gradually eased from 4 to 4 1/4 percent, the lower rate being posted just before the close of the market. Purchases of mercantile paper for short dates were reported at slight concessions from the recent 4 to 4 1/4 percent rate.

All foreign exchanges, with one or two important exceptions were reactionary. Demand sterling fell two points. French, Italian and Belgian rates were lower by eight to ten points and German marks were acutely weak, falling to 41-100. Headiness was shown by central European remittances, notably Austrian and Polish exchanges.

Lloyd George's letter to Chamberlain, conceived by many here as a threat to resign unless the conservatives ceased personal attacks, has precipitated the trouble. The prime minister, according to leaders of the unionist party, has asked a quasi-vote of confidence, and their secret meeting today was to determine their attitude.

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#### FOREIGN BUYING LEADS TO UPTURN IN WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 2.—Indications of brisk new foreign buying of wheat led to a decided upturn Thursday in prices here. The market closed more at 1 3/4 to 2 1/2c net higher with May 14 to 14 1/4, and July 12 1/4 to 12 2/3. Corn gained in value 3 4/7-7 8 to 1 1/8 and oats 5 to 5 1/8. In previous the outcome varied from 15c decline to 15c advance.

Estimated sales of wheat to Europe Thursday and Wednesday totalled more than two million bushels. The bulk of this amount was Canadian wheat, but a liberal proportion was Durum, grown in the United States, a grade from which macaroni is made. Italy was said to have purchased 50 boat loads of Durum and to be in the market for more. In connection with the European buying a Chicago authority said world importing countries are short of actual retirements more than 100,000,000 bushels. On the other hand, a British authority was quoted as putting the surplus of export countries at 70,000,000 bushels.

Falling off in the volume of receipts of corn helped to strengthen prices for corn and oats.

#### GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Bank of England rate unchanged at 4 1/2 percent.

Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co. for year ended Dec. 31, 1921, shows net loss after charges, tax and inventory losses, of \$8,753,712 again net profits in 1921, of \$1,769,911.

Car loadings for week ended Feb. 28, totalled 780,924 against 788,412 previous week but 88,814 more than a year ago.

Date of deposit of Denver and Rio Grande, New Mexico bonds under proposed reorganization plan extended from March 1 to March 31.

Plan to substitute interest bearing notes for cash bonds agreed upon by members of house committee, believed acceptable to Prest Hardin.

Tobacco Products corporation for year ended Dec. 31, 1921, reports net income after charges but before federal tax of \$8.45 a share earned on common stock against \$7.79 in 1920.

Local syndicate to offer today \$15,000,000 state of Missouri soldiers' five percent bonds to yield 4.50 to 4.80 percent.

Net income of 96 railroads in January, \$16,221,426 against deficit of \$1,752,528 a year ago according to Bureau of Railway Economics.

Gross \$216,577,244 against \$20,916,794 last year and operating expenses \$184,529,122 against \$18,238,193.

Montgomery Ward's sales for February, \$5,784,685, increase of \$222,816.

Average '20 Industrials \$5.33; of 12, 20 Railroads 77.99; off .67.

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Her mother, Mrs. E. J. McDonald of Galien, is caring for her.

Mrs. S. A. Wood left Tuesday for her home in Chicago after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Nellie Shuster.

Miss Doris Peck is in Chicago this week visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Wells.

Miss Margaret Whitman entertained 12 friends at a theater party on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lloyd Sande and little son of Three Oaks are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Deming, Sr.

An exciting basketball game was played Tuesday evening in Rough's hall between Buchanan high school and Benton Harbor high second team. The final score read 2